

**SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR A  
COMMUNICATION FRAMEWORK IN A SUPPLY MANAGEMENT  
ARCHITECTURE**

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**ABSTRACT**

A system, method and computer program product are disclosed for providing network-based supply chain communication between stores, distributors, suppliers, a supply chain  
10 manager, and an office of the supply chain manager. Invoice level sales data is  
transmitted from the supplier to the supply chain manager utilizing a network. Gross  
purchase data is sent from the distributors to the supply chain manager utilizing the  
network. Daily sales data is communicated from the stores to the office of the supply  
chain manager utilizing the network and total menu item sales data is transmitted from  
15 the office of the supply chain manager to the supply chain manager utilizing the network.